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THE GOVERNMENT OWNED "DAILY NEWS" TODAY RAN FOUR COLUMN
HEAD "UK DECIDES TO CONVENE RHODESIA CONFERENCE," OVER LONDON
DATELINER SAYING FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND PROPOSED THAT
MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS ANYWHERE IN SOUTH-
ERN AFRICA ACCEPTABLE TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND INVITED
THEM TO INFORM HIM "AT ONCE WHO THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE..."

SAME STORY REPORTED IN BOLD-FACE TYPE THAT STATE DEPART-
MENT INDICATED IAN SMITH WILL NOT BOYCOTT THE CONSTITUTIONAL
CONFERENCE TO TRANSFER POWER TO THE COUNTRY'S AFRICAN MAJORITY.

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FRONT PAGE ZDAILY NEWS" STORY HEADED "SA PLANS EXPOSED"

REPORTED SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA'S CHARGES AT THE UN THAT SOUTH AFRICA "INTENDS TO TURN NAMIBIA INTO CONFEDERATION OF TRIBAL STATES CONTROLLED AND MANIPULATED BY PRETORIA AND USED AS BUFFER AGAINST INDENDENT AFRICA..."

SAME STORY SAID US WAS "ACCUSED LAST NIGHT OF FINANCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUPPET GOVERNMENT ACCEPTABLE TO SOUTH AFRICA IN NAMIBIA..." AND THE US "PROPOSED AT ZURICH TO GIVE RAPID, LARGE-SCALE FINANCIAL AID TO NAMIBIA, WITH THE AIM OF TRANSFORMING IT INTO A HIGHLY CAPITALIZED ECONOMY WITHIN A SHORT TIME AFTER THE INSTALLATION OF THE PUPPET GOVERNMENT..."

BOTH STORIES WERE SIMILARLY REPORTED IN THE TANU PARTY "UHURU". ITEM MABBATT

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